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September 14, 2007

Mr. Stephen Laub, Permittee
8275 South 1975 Road
Humansville, MO 65674

Re: Response to Application for Site and/or Bond Release and Request for Permit Fees, Stephen Laub, S/053/050, Task ID 1906, Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Laub,

The Division has received the completed Application for Site and/or Bond Release requesting the partial release of 2.5 acres. The Division has been informed by the BLM that they performed a site inspection on May 30, 2007 and confirmed the backfilling and grading is complete. The Division will accept the BLM inspection in lieu of a Division inspection; however, revegetation is required in the 2.5-acre area. Because of this requirement, the Division cannot grant full release of the site at this time.

The Division annual permit fees will remain due and payable until the site is successfully reclaimed. A billing statement is enclosed, and payment is due within 30 days of the date of the billing statement.

If you require clarification regarding revegetation requirements or have questions that require further consideration, please contact me at (801) 538-5258 or Ms. Beth Ericksen at (801) 538-5318.

Sincerely,

Susan M. White
Mining Program Coordinator
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure - Billing statement

email dated 09112007 (to PIC only)

cc: Mr. Russ Schreiner, St George Field Office, BLM
PIC

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PIC
S/053/050
w/ DGM
letter
dated 9/13/07

From: Susan White
To: Ericksen, Beth; Haddock, Daron
Date: 9/11/2007 2:18 PM
Subject: Re: Small and exploration sites
Attachments: Deny -suretyrelease-fileclosure.doc

I agree, no site visit, but could you Beth write a letter telling them they still have to pay permit fees until vegetation establishment. Here is a form letter that will work with some minor tweaking. Thanks

>>> Daron Haddock 9/11/07 9:05 AM >>>

Normally we would want to do our own inspection, but I suppose in the interest of time we have accepted BLM inspections in the past. In this case, the site has been reclaimed so there is no need to pursue a bond on the site, however there hasn't been adequate time to establish vegetation so there is still some liability on the part of the operator. Is it worth sending someone to the site to verify? Probably not. It is Susan's call.

>>> Beth Ericksen 9/11/2007 8:06 AM >>>

So does that work for a close out? An inspection report from the BLM?

>>> Daron Haddock 9/11/2007 7:28 AM >>>

The site had not been reclaimed when we were down there. It was reclaimed in May. We do have an inspection report from the BLM for an inspection done on May 30, 2007.

>>> Susan White 9/10/2007 4:46 PM >>>

Did Doug or you do an inspection report? Can we use that to close it out?

>>> Daron Haddock 9/10/07 3:45 PM >>>

Yes, we visited this site last February. Mr. Laub did some reclamation early this spring and the BLM actually inspected the site on May 30, 2007. They are satisfied with the reclamation. The only issue is that they have not had vegetation established yet. Given the remoteness of the area and the small area of disturbance, and the fact that the BLM is satisfied, I think we could just close it out.

>>> Susan White 9/10/2007 3:22 PM >>>

Looks like this is a BLM site. They can do the inspection.

Daron, did Doug take you to see this one?

>>> Beth Ericksen 9/10/07 3:16 PM >>>

Hi,

It's called Dolomite Stone I S/053/050 which may have been received by us on 7 August. In Washington County. Please let me know what you would like to do on that one.

Thanks.
Beth

>>> Susan White 9/10/2007 3:11 PM >>>

We don't have a person to do that. But your time is better spent on large mine reviews. We could ask for Lynn or Steve to do the inspection. Are you talking about the Lisbon Valley Copper Project? If so, that's Pauls. It must be a hold over from your surety days.

>>> Beth Ericksen 9/10/07 11:00 AM >>>

As far as the small mines and exploration sites go, are they being managed by others? These would be in Doug's areas. Just wondering cuz there is a small mine bond release, and thought that person who is dealing with the small mines and explorations would deal it.

Please let me know.